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Message from the Office of Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty

Statement on Premier François Legault’s inaugural speech at the 43rd legislature of the National Assembly

On November 30th, the Quebec government had the opening of the 43rd Legislature session of the National Assembly, where I was present during the presentation of the Premier’s priorities.

As the Cree Nation developed a relationship with the government during their first term, we are now looking to continue the work moving forward into a new term with this government.

During his speech, the Premier announced the 5 priorities of his government;

1. Environment – a pledge to have net zero emissions for 2050
2. Economy – closing the wealth gap of Quebec by increasing green economy, forestry spin-offs, and strategic minerals
3. Education – training and recruiting more students in specialized training, and addressing early childhood and youth needs
4. Health – Retaining more medical staff, enhancing medical services, and approaching the federal government for increased contribution
5. Identity – the goals of Bill 96 to secure the existence of the French language and culture

In his opening statement, Mr. Legault also touched on an essential component, also referenced in the announcement of his re-election: a desire to work on reconciliation and the importance of a nation-to-nation relationship and that Indigenous peoples and Quebec needed one another.

The priorities that Premier Legault hopes to achieve successfully are going to be done by, in his words, “attaining results”.

